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The Flag Of The United States

 * "We take the star from Heaven,
 * the red from our mother country,
 * separating it by white stripes, thus
 * showing that we have separated
 * from her, and the white stripes
 * shall go down to posterity repre-
 * senting liberty." — George Wash-
 * ington.

THE Stars and Stripes, as we know Old Glory today, was by no means the first American flag. For instance, one flag used during the early days of the American Revolution showed a rattlesnake against a yellow background.

It has been said that red stood for valor, white for purity and blue for justice.

THIRTEEN STRIPES, FORTY-EIGHT STARS

The thirteen stripes and thirteen stars in the first flag stood for the thirteen original states. Later, when two new states were added to the Union, Congress enacted a law (in 1794), increasing the number of stars and stripes each to fifteen. By 1818 there were twenty states in the Union, and Congress enacted another law, providing that the number of stripes should again be thirteen but that thereafter a star should

THE STORY OF BETSY ROSS

One of the most colorful stories that has grown up around the American flag is the story of Mrs. Betsy Ross.

George Washington, Colonel George Ross and Robert Morris had been appointed by Congress to plan a flag, and it is said that they called on Mrs. Ross in her Arch Street home at Philadelphia to ask her to make a flag from them. It is related that she folded a piece of paper in such a way to cut a five-pointed star with a single snip of her scissors, thereby showing General Washington how a five-pointed star would look.

THE CODE OF THE FLAG

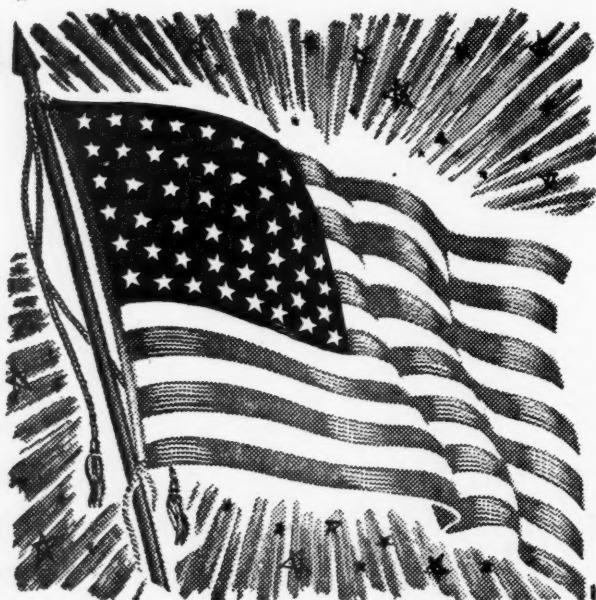
The official name of our flag is the "Flag of the United States of America."

The official description of the flag is: "The Flag of the United States has 13 horizontal stripes—7 red and 6 white—the red and white stripes alternating, and a union which consists of white stars of five points on a blue field placed in an upper quarter next the staff and extending to the lower edge of the fourth red stripe from the top. The number of stars is the same as the number of States in the Union. The canton or union now contains 48 stars arranged in six horizontal and eight vertical rows, each star with one point upward. On the admission of a State into the Union a star will be added to the union of the flag, and such addition will take effect on the 4th day of July next succeeding such admission."

WHEN THE FLAG IS FLOWN

The flag should be displayed on the day (January 20 every fourth year) on which the President of the United States is inaugurated; also on Lincoln's Birthday (February 12), Washington's Birthday (February 22), Army Day (April 6), Mother's Day (second Sunday in May), Memorial Day (May 30), Flag Day (June 14), Independence Day (July 4), anniversary (September 14) of the day on which Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner," Constitution Day (September 17), Gold Star Mother's Day (last Sunday in September), Columbus

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with the inscription: "Don't tread on me." There had also been a number of other flags of various designs, but on June 14, 1777, nearly a year after the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, that the 'Union' be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

be added for each new state admitted to the Union. This law has remained in effect, and as each new state has been added to the Union, a new white star has been added to the blue field in the corner of the flag.

Today, the American flag has forty-eight stars, one for each of the forty-eight states, and thirteen stripes, one for each of the original thirteen states.

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Secular Prophecies Confirm Scripture

Prophetic School of the Air Address . . . By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

WE ARE, these mornings, pursuing a series of important prophetic studies. As in the days of Elisha, we have a School of Prophets. This morning, we shall depart from our usual line of thought and discuss certain secular prophecies which contain messages for the twentieth century.

In the beginning, may I say that the study of prophecy is predicated upon the principle of holy pessimism. I mean by that, that students of prophecy are often obliged to face unpleasant facts—facts which to them are quite disturbing. Turning, as they do, the next page of human history, they see things and anticipate changes, they observe trends which are not always pleasant to contemplate. Conditions are not always what they would like. The true prophet is not an exponent of shallow optimism. He is a sober, practical person, unafraid to face stubborn realities.

Moreover, the prophet is seldom appreciated until after he dies. This is because, while living, his remarks, rebukes, admonition and instruction frequently probe the conscience and disturb people who wish to be left alone in their sin. His preaching is often unpopular, for the reason that he is a buffer between a discordant present and an unpleasant future. But whatever the cost, the prophet will be true to his convictions. He will not compromise. If he did so, he would lose his message.

It is said that William Jennings Bryan endured many hardships and frequently encountered adverse public reactions, because he lived ahead of his time. He advocated reforms far in advance of

public opinion, with the result that the masses of people were late catching up with him!

Prophets are frequently maligned during their sojourn on earth. Their service not properly evaluated until they leave the present scene of action. Then, monuments are erected to their memories. When a generation has to choose between its prophets and its sins, it usually prefers to go on sinning.

And so, we find the greatest of all prophets sitting quietly on a hillside, in the days of His flesh, overlooking Jerusalem, saying: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

It is a significant fact that many hundreds of authentic secular prophecies are on record, messages given to the world by highly trained and illuminated souls, predictions which anticipated important

coming events with astounding accuracy. I have time, this morning, to call attention to only a few such secular prophecies.

But I hasten to remark, that none of these secular prophecies, originating from human sources, through men and women of exceptional spiritual insight—none of these secular prophecies can be compared with those found in the revealed Word of God. Nevertheless, they are interesting and valuable from the viewpoint of study and research. The very existence of such prognostications, and the truth of their fulfillment, confirm the existence of prophecy as an historical fact.

Let me give you, please, a few examples. Some people who like to dig into things that some other people seldom think about, have assembled a large number of such secular predictions.

Our first one takes us back to the year 1490, two years before Columbus discovered America. In that year, 1490,

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PROPHETIC SCHOOL OF THE AIR

During the period May 2 to 17, Dr. Gerald B. Winrod delivered eleven addresses on prophetic themes through air channel WCAR . . . Pontiac, Michigan. Mrs. Winrod spoke twice. The thirteen talks—five of which are reproduced in this Defender constituted a Prophetic School of the Air. The themes were prepared systematically, to comprise a chain of thought. The five messages appearing in this issue of the Magazine, treat upon the following subjects: "Secular Prophecies Confirm Scripture," "The Consistency of Premillennialism," "I Say Unto All—Watch," "The Marriage Supper of the Lamb" and "The Ministry of Angels."

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a far-seeing Frenchman, a scholar by the name of d'Ailly wrote a book of predictions. One particular prophecy turned the spotlight upon the year 1789, and described it as a time of unsurpassed suffering, anarchy and terrorism for his country, France.

Pointing to 1789, d'Ailly wrote these words, mark you, in the year 1490: "Should the world still remain in existence at that time, which God alone knows, then astounding upheavals and transformations will occur which will affect our laws and political structure."

Exactly 299 years melted into the past before this prophecy discovered its counterpart in history. But, true to prediction, the year 1789 found France in the convulsions of anarchy and civil war. We know that holocaust in history, the upheaval which this French prophet anticipated, as the French Revolution.

Easily, the most celebrated of all secular prophets is Michel Nostradamus. This man was born in the year 1503. He was a scientist, philosopher, medical man and religious leader. He possessed remarkable insight into the future. He wrote primarily regarding the future of France. Kings, Queens and potentates, in fact, people from all walks of life, sought him out, sat at his feet, listened to his words. All Europe studied his prophecies—documents which have since been catalogued and published under the title of "Centuries."

One of his predictions regarding France, made early in the sixteenth century, reached fulfillment only a few months ago. Nostradamus wrote these words: "A terrible king or leader will assault and invade Paris from the sky."

The only way he could possibly have known about modern air raids, was by seeing through the telescope of prophecy. He enjoyed spiritual far-sightedness.

Now, leaving France, let us cross the English Channel to Great Britain. Perhaps the best known English secular prophet was a man by the name of William Lilly.

William Lilly stands out as the prophet who predicted the London plague of 1665. He also predicted the London fire of 1666. He announced these two events four years in advance. So accurate were his predictions, that when the fire occurred, he was suspicioned with having

had something to do with its origin. William Lilly was arrested. After being examined by authorities, he was completely exonerated. The only advance knowledge he had of the London fire, was what he had gained from prophetic sources.

With the turn of the present century, a mysterious man in Scandinavia began attracting attention, first in his local community, and later throughout Europe. His writings on prophetic subjects have since been translated from the Norwegian and Swedish languages into English. I refer to Anton Johanson, who lived in the Norwegian Finnmark—a barren piece of waste land, an ice desert, at the extreme northern end of Norway.

Here, on the outer fringe of civilization, appeared this good man, a true Christian believer, a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christian writers speak kindly of his strange actions, prophetic utterances and Christlike humility.

Prior to the first World War, Johanson informed the crowned heads of Europe that it was coming. He even saw beyond the first World War and predicted the coming of another more terrible struggle. He described changes that we are today witnessing in Europe. Only during recent months, some of his prophecies written in the year 1907, have reached fulfillment. He predicted fall of certain nations, the rise of anarchy and revolution, and the destruction of cities, which he named, by attacks from the air.

Many years prior to the development of air power as an instrument of war, Anton Johanson reported the following vision, which was published at the time in Swedish newspapers. Here is what he said: "I saw other implements

and machines of warfare used that are not to be found now. Aeroplanes and airships were large and developed. And, if I discerned right, they seemed to be connected with fine steel wires. These airships came in great swarms or flotillas, like huge clouds, enclosed in masses of smoke, disgorging great quantities of shells and bombs over the earth below."

When Johanson referred to airplanes being connected with "fine steel wires," he was probably seeing modern two-way radio facilities—the system used for directing squadrons of airplanes from a central base on the ground. It seems almost incredible that one who took up his pen so many years ago, should have written with such accuracy. He warned of destruction to be visited upon large parts of Europe. He envisioned buildings and industrial centers reduced to twisted wreckage and debris. He saw railroads, docks, harbors and steamships completely demolished.

In the year 1907, he wrote of conditions, as we see them coming to pass at this hour. This reminds us of the words of Job: "In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; then God openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction."

Now, for the sake of emphasis, may I again repeat that, interesting and helpful as is the study of secular prophecies—prognostications by illuminated souls who have turned, in some respects, the next page of history, persons, obviously possessing the gift of prophecy . . . nothing that they have written, or shall ever write, can be compared with the prophecies contained in the inspired Scriptures.

The Old Testament prophet, Nahum, looked down the vista of the centuries to the day in which we live. He identified our times by means of certain literal, and unmistakable, characteristics. He referred to a period, which he called, "the day of the Lord's preparation." At that time, and, here he offers a sign of the times, he says: "The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation. The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."

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in the book of Nahum, written approximately 800 years before Christ. "Char-iots with flaming torches." "They shall rage in the streets." "They shall jostle one against another in the broad ways." They shall be equipped with "flaming torches." They shall run "like lightnings." Could one ask for a better description of streets crowded with auto-

mobiles, buses and street cars . . . in this, the 20th century?

This prophetic utterance is associated with an intriguing reference to the fact, that it is scheduled to take place "in the day of the Lord's preparation." There are differences of opinion as to the meaning of this phrase. But it seems, in the light of other prophetic

Scriptures now in process of fulfillment, that the implication must have to do with the Rapture of the saints and the Second Coming of Christ. Nahum's prophecy must be taken as one, in a series of literal "signs of the times," pointing toward the return of Jesus Christ to this earth. The day of the Lord's preparation is at hand!

The Consistency Of Premillennialism

Prophetic School of the Air Address . . . By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

ONE OF the strongest arguments for the supernatural inspiration of the Scriptures is the fact of fulfilled prophecy. The Bible is the only Book that writes history ahead of time!

Students of Bible prophecy have not been taken unawares by distressing developments now occurring on the international horizon. They know we have reached the end-time of the present age, that these things must come to pass, that the prophecies of Matthew 24, for instance, must be dissolved into history just prior to the second coming of Christ.

It is a fact, that every detail of the earth-life of Jesus Christ, was anticipated in Old Testament prophecy. In thirty-three years, He fulfilled more than three hundred specific prophecies. We have recently passed through another Easter season during which time our Lord's triumph over death was commemorated.

Talleyrand, the agnostic, tried to establish a new religion. He discovered it to be an exceedingly difficult task. One day he called on the King of France and explained his troubles. The King told the agnostic to go and be crucified, then on the third day rise again, and men would be glad to believe in his religion.

This stupendous event, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, was not overlooked in the prophecies of the Old Testament. In Psalms 16:10, David announced hundreds of years in advance, the triumph of Christ over the tomb in these words: "Thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." And the body of Jesus Christ did not see corruption.

A series of Old Testament prophecies

converged upon the first coming of Christ. In like manner, an examination of the "signs of the times" shows that prophecies relating to the second coming of Christ are now in process of fulfillment.

There is such a thing as the "gift of prophecy." Persons thus illuminated by the Holy Spirit possess spiritual farsightedness. Imagine a railroad train going round a mountain. On the other side of the mountain there is another train, approaching on the same track. Both trains are traveling at rapid rates of speed, neither one aware of the other. They receive no signal to stop. They are ignorant of their fate.

Above them is a man in an airplane. To him, the situation is entirely clear. Were he in communication with the trains, he could predict to them a dreadful catastrophe. Because of his vantage point, he sees, he is alarmed, and he can prophesy the future of the trains. Persons who understand Bible prophecy know that even in this hour of darkness, a plan of symmetric beauty is taking form, that a prophetic blueprint is taking form and substance.

I recently had occasion to discuss the

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international situation with a Pastor of more than ordinary attainments. Although a man of more than thirty years experience in public life, having served for a time as president of a well known university, I found him in a state of utter confusion.

He said: "Down across the years, I have prayed 'Thy kingdom come on earth.' I have preached the message of 'peace on earth, good will toward men.' Now, facing the most terrible war of history, I find myself in a quandary. I wonder if I have been preaching the right message. Has Christianity failed?"

"I don't believe there is a preacher in this city," he continued, "Who has a rational, intelligent message for this hour. As for me, I feel that the very foundations have been pulled from beneath my feet."

In these words, this man was voicing the sentiment of all theologians who subscribe to the postmillennial viewpoint regarding the establishment of Christ's kingdom on earth. His position was not unlike that of William Jennings Bryan who negotiated certain peace treaties designed to outlaw war. Mr. Bryan was at that time serving his Country as Secretary of State.

The Commoner presented each signer of the treaties representing the various nations, with a souvenir paper weight cast from melted swords, moulded in the form of plowshares, on the beam of which were engraved the words, "Nothing is final between friends." The following quotation from Isaiah 2:4 also appeared on the plowshares: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares." But alas! the ink was hardly dry on the

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treaties when the first world war broke out.

I hasten to remark that Mr. Bryan was a sincere Christian. But, unfortunately, he did not understand the philosophy of premillennialism. He entertained the idea that we will gradually evolve into the kingdom of Heaven on earth through missionary endeavor, humanitarian enterprise and the preaching of the Gospel. He was sincere but mistaken. He tried to apply Isaiah 2:4 to the year 1913 but it would not work, for the reason that this passage belongs to the Golden Age which will begin with the second coming of Christ.

There is not a single verse of Scripture, rightly interpreted, to sustain the view that Christ will return to a converted world. On the contrary, the second advent is scheduled to take place in the darkest hour of human history.

This does not mean that the Gospel, in this dispensation, is a failure. It is accomplishing all that the prophecies indicate. The purpose of evangelism, missionary work, and all other forms of soul-winning effort, in this age, is not the conversion of the world, but simply

to give a "witness," thereby calling out a people for his name.

Some years ago, the Defenders Movement organized, and has since maintained, a large missionary enterprise out in West Africa. Yonder, in jungle areas, men who have for centuries lived in darkness—men with black skins, are finding Christ. Their souls are being washed white in the blood of the Lamb. Strong native Churches have been established in areas where few white men have ever been, and where no white man would care to live.

We have no hope of converting West Africa through this missionary work. Our purpose is simply to "call out a people for His name" So, the effort is succeeding. This is what the Gospel is designed to accomplish in the present age. The world will be converted, the peace of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, in the next dispensation—the age of Millennial glory.

It is a matter of getting a right perspective! And then working intelligently, in line, with the prophetic plan of God!

The word "Millennium" pertains to a period of a thousand years, blocked out, in the Apocalypse. The prefix "Pre" denotes "coming before" or "preceding."

Thus, a Pre-Millennialist, is one who believes that the Second Coming of Christ comes before, precedes, ushers in, the Millennial age.

Writers, both secular and religious, have used poem and prose to express their thoughts about a coming Golden Age—a time when Paradise Lost will be regained. Their yearning is not in vain. Such an age is coming.

The prophetic Scriptures divide time into seven unequal periods, called ages, or dispensations. Five of these dispensations are passed. We are now living in the sixth. According to prophetic trends, we know we are in the closing period of the sixth. Every dispensation has ended, and will end, with judgment and suffering.

The first age is known to us as the Dispensation of Innocence. How long man lived in the sinless state is not recorded, but certainly it was no short period of time. He proved himself to be a stupendous failure. He lost his capacity to receive and appropriate eternal life. The age ended with judgment—the Fall of Man.

The second age is known to us as the Dispensation of Conscience. During this period, the race became so putrid as to be a stench to the very nostrils of God. Judgment was the result. The life stream of the human family was washed with water by the Deluge in the days of Noah.

The third age is known to us as the Dispensation of Human Government. During this period, the rebelliousness of the human family became symbolized by the erection of a tower, through which, they thought, in their primitive intelligence, to pierce the dome of Heaven. The Tower of Babel was destroyed, tongues were confused, races dispersed.

The fourth age is known to us as the Dispensation of Promise. Abraham appeared on the scenes. Being a man of faith, his name is recorded in "God's Hall of Fame"—the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Promises made to Abraham, reached fulfillment in Jesus Christ and have been handed down to the Christians of the present hour.

The fifth age is known to us as the Dispensation of Law. During this period, Moses climbed to the top of Sinai's hill and brought down a decalogue to become the basis of subsequent law and jurisprudence. Only one Man



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has ever lived on this earth, with a clear record, as far as the Ten Commandments are concerned. Jesus Christ is the only person who never violated a single one of these provisions. The Age of Law climaxed with judgment. The lovely Man from the glory, the sinless Man, suffered vicariously for you and me. On Calvary, He was judged for the sins of the world. Your sins, my sins, were potentially in His body—and we are saved not by our works, but by His finished work.

The sixth dispensation is known to us as the Dispensation of Grace. It embraces the period between the first and second comings of Christ. Down through

the centuries, devout followers of the Master, have looked forward to His return. The Apostle Paul spoke of this doctrine as a "purifying hope." Indeed, nothing else tends so much to purify conduct and mould character along righteous lines, as to live in a state of expectancy with regard to His coming.

This is the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. The third person of the Godhead is in the world, as the official Representative of the Eternal Trinity—transacting the business of deity. It is His ministry to "call out a people," and thus build the Church of Jesus Christ. He operates as a restraining force against evil. He convicts men of sin

and woos them to Christ. If you have this morning felt an impulse to accept Christ as Saviour . . . if you have come to entertain a firm resolve to live a better life, these promptings result from the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

When He, the Third Person of the Eternal Trinity, finishes His work on earth, He will withdraw. The world will then exhaust itself in an inferno of sin. Our Lord referred to this short period of intensified, world-wide suffering, as the "Great Tribulation." Then the Lord of glory will appear to inaugurate a theocratic form of government over which He will personally preside.

"I Say Unto All -- Watch"

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THIS morning, we shall again turn our thoughts toward the matter of Bible prophecy. We shall take up an important phase, using as our subject, "I Say Unto All—Watch."

Make no mistake about it—the prophetic Scriptures do contain a literal message for our day and generation. Daniel, Ezekiel, John the Revelator and other prophets spoke of the times in which we live.

Indeed, without a knowledge of Bible prophecy and an understanding of the "signs of the times," there is no explanation for the catastrophic changes now taking place in the world. The nations are passing through a storm. Only prophetic Scripture gives one chart and compass, today, sailing as we are, over stormy seas.

It is an impressive fact that periods of stress, suffering and sorrow are always accompanied with a revival of interest in the subject of prophecy. Trouble and prophecy seem to go hand-in-hand. In times of turmoil and catastrophe, people yearn for a glance at the next page of history. They wonder what's coming next!

In theological parlance we have a technical word to describe the study of prophecy. We call it eschatology. Eschatology is an important department of theological science. A large fund of literature has been built up under this heading.

Now, please visualize in your mind two great mountain peaks, with a valley between. Let the first mountain peak represent the first coming of Christ. Let the second mountain peak represent the second coming of Christ. Let the valley, between the two represent the Church age, in which we live.

Jesus Christ, the greatest of all prophets, divided this period—this valley, this distance between the two mountain peaks into four divisions, which we shall call the "Four Watches of the Night."

Now let us turn to the 12th chapter of Luke's Gospel starting with the 37th verse: "Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and

serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the Goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

In these words, our Lord accommodated Himself to a custom which existed under the Roman law.

It was a custom of the Romans to divide each night into military "Watches," instead of hours. Sentinels were changed at each Watch. A sentinel was kept on duty through a Watch, and then replaced by another sentinel at the beginning of a new Watch.

The first Watch covered the period from sundown until 9 o'clock. This was called the "Evening Watch."

The second Watch embraced the period from 9 o'clock until midnight. This was called the "Midnight Watch."

The third Watch covered the period from midnight until 3 o'clock in the morning. This was called the "Cock-crowing Watch."

The fourth Watch covered the period from 3 in the morning until 6 o'clock in

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the morning. This was called the "Morning Watch."

The world's night began nineteen hundred years ago when we extinguished the Light of the World. Since then, the human family has been passing through a period of great darkness.

Earth's night time actually began at the Last Supper, the final meal that our Lord shared with His disciples before going to Calvary. Notice please, this meal is designated Supper—not breakfast, not lunch, but Supper. Supper is the last meal of the day before the shadows lengthen and nature wraps the earth in a mantle of darkness.

Judas was at that table. The record says the Master broke the sad news of His impending betrayal to the group. They asked: "Is it I, Is it I, Is it I?" It is he who is dipping in the dish at this moment! And the record says, the conscience-stricken Judas fled into the darkness. We read: "It was night."

Yes, night; But not for Judas alone. It was night for the whole world.

Not long ago, I heard a speaker insist that we had entered "a new day." This is not day. It's night. The night began when we extinguished the Light of the world at Calvary.

John spoke correctly when he said: "The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

"Then spake Jesus, saying, I am the light of the world." Yet a little while is the light with you . . . then cometh the darkness."

Indeed, Christian friends, we are called to be "Children of the Light." We are expected to shine for the Lord Jesus Christ in an age of darkness.

We are passing through earth's night time. And the Lord, divided the period into Four Watches. According to best opinion, three of these Watches are past and we are now in the Fourth—the latter part of the Fourth.

It is not a given number of years that determined the duration of a Watch, but rather conditions, trends, periods of change, revivals, spiritual tides within the Church among the Watchers.

Great spiritual surges, high evangelistic tides, periods of missionary en-

deavor, revivals resulting from preaching the doctrine of Christ's return, periods of apostate gloom, decades of declension, epochs of mass immorality, times of decay among nations through the loss of religious emphasis—changes, like the rise and fall of the tide, have produced the various Watches during the dispensational night which began when the Light of the World was put out, at Calvary.

Unfortunately, time is not available this morning to discuss the duration of the Watches in terms of dates and years. Suffice to say, however, that all agree we are now in the last, the Fourth. The curtain on this age is about to fall and a new day, the Millennial age, will be inaugurated.

Jesus said: "What I say unto you, I say unto all, watch."

Down through the centuries, there have been faithful Watchers, spiritually illuminated souls, who have proclaimed the message that some day the Christ would return. And God has always honored and blessed the testimony of these people. Time and again, in Church history, their messages have produced spiritual awakenings, great revivals of

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May I ask you two questions:

What is the coldest hour of the night? You will answer, the coldest hour is just before the dawn. If signs of spiritual declension are in evidence from many directions . . . if a large section of current Churchianity has apostasized . . . if you see, and I see, "a form of godliness denying the power thereof" in our Churches . . . if we are in a period of "falling away" . . . then cheer up! it is coldest just before the dawn.

And now, for my second question. Which is the darkest hour of the night? You will answer, the darkest hour is just before the dawn. If it is cold in our Churches . . . if it is dark in the world . . . remember, the coldest hour, and the darkest hour, is just before the dawn. "Weeping may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Peter was walking on the waves. There was a storm at sea. When his faith weakened, he began to sink. Jesus heard his cry. Jesus delivered him. Jesus saved him from the storm. When did this occur? In which Watch of the night did Jesus deliver him? When did Jesus pull him out of the waves?

You have the answer in Matthew 14:25-32, "And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous,

he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased."

Jesus saved Peter, from the storm, in

the Fourth Watch of the night.

The world is passing through a storm. It is the Fourth Watch of the night. The Watchers are pleading for deliverance. The Apostle Paul said the Watchers would be caught away as a "thief in the night." Yes, that is true! A group of people, living on our earth, in this, the

Fourth Watch of the Night, will cheat death. They will be lifted out of the storm for the Rapture of the Saints. "The one shall be taken and the other left."

Let us bear in mind the words of our Lord: "What I say unto you, I say unto all, watch."

The Marriage Supper Of The Lamb

Prophetic School of the Air Address . . . By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

AS WE continue our prophetic studies this morning, I realize that I am speaking to a large number of trained Bible students.

I have before me a substantial radio audience of praying folk, Bible-believing folk, the kind of an audience that would inspire the heart of any loyal Gospel preacher—folk who are finding solace these days in the knowledge that despite hardships and trying experiences, a predetermined, prophetic plan is being evolved in the lives of nations and individuals throughout the world.

Which reminds us that the Psalmist David once said, the Omnipotent God has ways for causing the wrath of men to praise Him. History teaches God nothing new. He knows the end from the beginning. Prophecy is history written in advance. Notice, please, how the word "history" is spelled, H-i-s-t-o-r-y. History is His-story, "God's story," written ahead of time. That's prophecy!

It is a confirmation to my faith to hold the Bible in one hand, the daily newspaper in the other, and read about events predicted in the remote past, just now coming to pass.

Jesus once rebuked Pharisees whom He encountered for their spiritual blindness. He criticized them for not being able to discern the signs of the times. He said in substance: "You are first class weather prophets. You can study the weather today, and determine what it will be tomorrow. "But," said He, "you can not read the signs of the times." Had they understood Old Testament prophecy, they would not have demanded the assassination of the Son of God.

Since our meditation this morning is in the nature of a Bible study, we shall

examine two texts, one from the Gospel of St. John, and the other a passage in the Apocalypse. The first deals with that very interesting Parable of the Great Supper, the record of which is found in Luke 14:16 to 24.

It seems that Jesus had been invited to a marriage feast in cultured surroundings on a Sabbath day. A sick man was present, suffering from dropsy. Jesus healed him. Miracles were submitted by our Lord as credentials supporting the fact of His deity.

This particular miracle provoked a controversy among the guests because the incident took place during the Sabbath. There were those present who insisted that it was unlawful to perform miracles on the Sabbath day. Jesus answered His critics successfully, and looking about, saw a house full of spectators. He began at once to teach.

He used this marriage feast, which He was then attending, as the basis of a parable, an illustration of another far

greater feast which would be arranged during the end-time of the present age, referred to in Revelation 19:9 as the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb." This event is scheduled to mark the time when the Church of Jesus Christ, the saints collectively, will enter into their blissful reward.

Christians suffer now. Their rewards come later. This world is no friend of Grace. Christians are being purged of sin in this life. Unbelievers will be judged later. Christians look forward to a bright future. Unbelievers may anticipate only a dark future. For the followers of Christ, this baptism of tears will have an end. A better day is coming. The Psalmist set music to this thought when he sang: "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand, there are pleasures forevermore."

The fourteenth chapter of Luke shows that everybody is invited to share in these rewards. The chapter is also a

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denunciation of those who reject the invitation.

Our Lord placed Himself in the position of the good man of the house, who prepared a feast and sent out invitations. In like manner, Jesus Christ will be Master of Ceremonies at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The call reads: "Whosoever will may come." But Christ, knowing the weakness and perverse tendencies of human nature, was aware that many would refuse to attend. The attitude of these unfortunate people, these misguided people, is anticipated by the excuses which our Lord mentioned in the Parable.

The very nature of these excuses shows how utterly inconsistent it is for one to spurn the Gospel invitation. Three excuses are mentioned. In them, we find Jesus using satire—the only recorded instance where He employed satire in the four Gospels for the purpose of driving home a point. He does this to show how silly, how foolish, how inconsistent it is, for anyone to reject His invitation to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Invitations were out, and "they all with one consent began to make excuse."

The first man said he had bought a piece of real estate and wanted to go and see it. What shall we say about a man who purchases ground without seeing it? Intelligent people usually examine real estate before making an investment. But, not so with this man. He prefers to buy ground, and look it over later. It doesn't make sense.

The second man said he had bought five yoke of oxen and wished to go examine them. For this reason he asked to be excused. Try to imagine a farmer purchasing ten oxen, five yoke, without seeing them! No! Any farmer would want first to look the oxen over, study them carefully, be certain that they are in healthy condition—and then make the purchase.

But the third excuse was even more ridiculous. This man said he had just

married a wife and was therefore obliged to reject the invitation. Who ever heard of a young married couple denying themselves the pleasure of such a glittering social gathering?

So, in the story of the man who purchased the ground before he saw it . . . in the circumstance of the farmer who bought ten oxen before he examined them . . . in the instance of the man who refused to take his wife to a social function, we observe three flimsy excuses which combine to illustrate the fact, that there is no valid reason to justify anyone in rejecting the Gospel invitation. There is no real reason why any human being should fail to attend the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. There is no excuse, for anyone trying to excuse himself from embracing Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

Two questions present themselves:

First: When will the Marriage Supper take place? And second: Who will participate in the event?

The nineteenth chapter of Revelation leaves no doubt that the Marriage Supper will convene in the heavenly realm, just before the last great Armageddon occurs on earth. Armageddon is the predicted struggle which will mark the climax of the present epoch. It will bring to a close the period described by our Lord as the Great Tribulation.

Who will participate in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb?

Pause, please, and read Paul's prophecy written to the Church at Thessalonica: "The dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air."

This thought may seem fantastic, if perchance it is new to you but, I declare Christian friend, a group of old-fashioned, spiritually-minded, knee-bending, Bible-believing, Christ-loving, clean-

thinking, prayer-saturated, Children of God, will be raptured, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, taken out of this diseased, disorganized, dislocated, disturbed world in which we live—lifted up and out of the earth before Armageddon becomes history, before the Great Tribulation reaches its climax of horror.

These people, these good people, the spiritual aristocracy of the world, will not see death. They shall be suddenly removed from the earthly scene. Says Paul, in the twinkling of an eye! It will be the most dramatic hour in the history of the world.

How long is the twinkling of an eye? The Bell Telephone laboratories have developed an apparatus which enables them to register the time consumed in the wink, the blink, of an eyelash. They found that the twinkling of an eye was eleven - one - hundredths of a second. This deduction, gives us an idea of the rapidity, suddenness and secrecy with which the living saints, will be snatched away.

Enoch, translated before the Deluge, is a type of the Church translated before the final tribulation period. Lot, rescued by angelic visitors, before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, is a type of the living saints removed miraculously before the Great Tribulation.

The word "rapture" comes from a word in the original text which means "to transport to a state of happiness." It means "to seize quickly or suddenly." It means to "snatch away."

Thus, we learn, that the Second Coming of Christ is in two stages. He comes first, as a "thief in the night"—and a thief appears unexpectedly to take away the best. Our Lord will take away the best, the purest, the most holy people on this earth. He comes first FOR His saints. Then, later WITH His saints.

The story is told of a talented Christian girl, a Salvation Army lassie, who worked as a maid in a San Francisco home. One day, she approached timidly the lady in whose home she was employed. She said: "I seem to have a pre-

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monition that something terrible is about to happen. I feel that I should leave here at once and return to my home. I feel that some awful thing may soon take place."

The lady reminded the girl that she had given no advance notice and that time would be needed, possibly a few days, to engage someone to take her place. The girl replied: "I hope you won't be angry with me but for some reason I feel that I simply must leave here at once. In fact, I have been packing my things, because I must go. I am packed up and ready to leave now."

The lady manifested impatience and became angry. But the Salvation Army lassie stood her ground and left the premises. She felt that something terrible was about to happen.

Something terrible did happen! A few hours later, San Francisco was visited by a great earthquake. The home where the girl had been working, and from which she had just escaped, was completely demolished. Every person in the house was killed.

Fortunately she was packed up, and had no ties binding her to the place. She discerned that something terrible was about to happen. And she was saved!

Spiritually-minded Children of God understand, from the signs of the times and their knowledge of Bible prophecy, that something terrible will happen during the Great Tribulation. They are careful to cultivate no ties to keep them bound, as by fetters, to things carnal

and material. They are packed up! They will be snatched away in the twinkling of an eye for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

In the Parable of the Great Supper, Luke, chapter 14, the master of the house finally issued a highway and hedge call, after the invited guests had made their excuses and rejected the invitation. And the record says, his house was "filled."

For two thousand years, the Gospel call has gone forth, down the corridors of the centuries—to "whosoever will." The invitation has gone out into the streets, the lanes, the highways, the hedges, to compel them to come in. "Behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation."

The Ministry Of The Angels

Prophetic School of the Air Address . . . By Mrs. Gerald B. Winrod

GOD created the universe because that was a desire of His heart, and He created it as He wished it to be! He created the heavens and their inhabitants, the Seraphim and the Cherubim, the Angels; then the earth with its various forms of life, the account of which is in the first chapter of Genesis.

Angels are created, thinking, choosing beings. They are the work of God's hands. They are God's messengers.

Two angels are named in the Bible—Gabriel and Michael.

Gabriel is an Angel of Prophecy. It was he who prophesied the coming of Jesus Christ, the Saviour, into the world. He appeared unto the Virgin Mary, saying: "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. Behold thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And

he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom, there shall be no end . . . The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall over shadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Gabriel also appeared unto Zacharias, who became the father of John the Baptist, saying: "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God and am sent to speak unto thee." The Scriptures tell us that "Zacharias and his wife Elizabeth were righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord." When the Angel appeared at the right side of the Altar of Incense, which was the place of prayer, and that is where God always speaks to His children—at an altar of consecration, the place of prayer, Gabriel told Zacharias that Elizabeth, his wife, was to bear a child (John the Baptist). Because Zacharias doubted that his wife, who had been barren, was to bear his child, he was stricken dumb and could

not speak during his ministration in the Temple.

God, our heavenly parent, always has a way of chastising his disobedient or doubting children, which works for the good of his child, as well as showing forth His own glory.

Daniel, of the Old Testament, heard a voice commanding Gabriel to speak to him (Daniel). Gabriel unfolded to Daniel God's plan for the time of the end, giving a detailed description of the rise and fall of empires and nations and told of events that would come to pass before God's Kingdom should be established upon the earth. That Kingdom is to have no end and Jesus Christ is to be its Messiah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, during the glorious Millennial Age soon to begin.

Michael is an Angel of War—the hosts of heaven are led by him to battle.

Daniel prayed, and Daniel 10:13 tells how the demon prince of Persia inter-

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ferred in the heavenlies so that the answer to Daniel's prayer was delayed. The Scripture reads: "But, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; . . . and touched me one like the appearance of a man . . . and said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: . . . Now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come. But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth." Then Gabriel proceeds to tell of the Antichrist who is to come and how he will be dealt with by the angelic host of God.

In the 91st Psalm, God gives this comforting promise to those who are his children: "I will give my angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways."

Angels may appear in bodily form as many passages of Scripture teach. I Kings 19:5-7, tells us how Elijah, being weary and hungry after a long journey in a wilderness, lay down and slept under a juniper tree. "Then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruise of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee." That food sustained Elijah for forty days until he reached the Mount of God.

Child of God, if you find the journey too great for your strength, be sure to pillow your head under His overshadowing Love (His juniper tree). The water of life and the bread of life will sustain you, until you reach the heavenly mansion which is prepared for you in the Mount of God.

In the sixth chapter of Judges, Gideon

is not sure if the one speaking to him is an Angel from the Lord or just a man telling him what to do. He asks God for a sign. The Angel had appeared in bodily form and directs Gideon to lay some food upon a rock. Then the Angel put forth his staff that was in his hand and the food was consumed by fire rising up out of the rock. Gideon then knew the one speaking to him was an Angel from heaven and not a man of earth, and he cried: "Alas, O Lord God, for I have seen an angel of the Lord face to face." Then Gideon built an altar to the Lord.

In I Chronicles 21:15, 16, we have a different picture of angelic ministry. We read: "And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it. And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the Lord stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem." (David's spiritual eyes were seeing into the heavenlies.) "Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces." The Scriptures then tell how God, ever merciful, because of the intercessory prayer of His children, commanded the angel to withdraw the sword of judgment from Jerusalem. "And David built there an altar unto the Lord . . . and God answered from heaven by fire upon the altar."

David then began preparations to build a house unto the Lord, but because he had shed much blood upon the earth, God commanded David to instruct his son, Solomon, to build Him a house. The place where David set up an altar unto God was a true place of worship. This became the place where Solomon, son of David, built the famous Temple of Solomon. This was the house of the Lord which God honoured by allowing His Shekinah, or the light of His Pres-

ence, to shine into the Throne Room. This gave an unearthly, heavenly glow, all through the Temple.

In Acts 12, the miraculous story is told how when Peter the apostle, was in prison, prayer was made without ceasing in the Church, unto God for him. And while Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with chains, an Angel came and smote him on the side and raised him up saying, "Arise, quickly." And the chains fell from Peter's hands. Peter followed the Angel out of the prison doubting if the experience was real. He thought he saw a vision. But the Angel led Peter past the first and second ward and out to the gate of the city, then left him. The apostle, when he realized how he had truly been delivered out of the hand of his enemies, went to the home of Christian friends. They were praying but could scarcely believe that it was really Peter they saw. They praised God, and Peter departed to another place to continue his ministry.

Angels possess great power and might. II Peter 2:11. They excell in strength. Psalms 103:20. They vary in rank and authority. II Thessalonians 1:7 reads, "And to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels."

In the book of Revelation, we learn that angels help mete out many judgments of God. Let us read the interesting account in Revelation 8:2, which should emphasize to us the importance of prayer. John, the Revelator, is speaking: "And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them

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were given seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censor; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of the saints (note, the prayers of the saints). And the angel took the censor, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: And there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake."

Hebrews 1:13-14, teaches that angels are ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation. They do not choose the scope of their ministry, but accept the ministrations assigned them.

There are also evil angels. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world." Ephesians 6:12.

The prince and ruler of these fallen angels of evil is Lucifer. He was once an archangel of high estate in the heavens.

Ezekiel describes the career of Lucifer, or Satan, from the time of his creation to the time when he will be cast out forever. In the 28th chapter, Satan is indirectly addressed through the King of Tyre, just as he was addressed through the serpent in Eden, and through the apostle Peter in Matthew 16:23.

I will read certain portions from Ezekiel 28, which speak of Lucifer. "Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth, and I have set thee so. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. Thou hast sinned; therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty. I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings."

As God is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, so also anti-God manifests in a triune manner as Lucifer, leader of a host of fallen angels—as Satan, causing the Fall of Man, and as the Devil, he is the "false accuser."

Satan is described in the Bible as a powerful, thinking, contriving, cunning, subtle being, who is always trying to estrange man from God. His high ob-

jective is to rob God of the worship due Him, and divert it unto himself.

One time Satan is called "Appollyon" which is the Greek word for "destroyer." Several times he is referred to as "Beelzebub," which is the name of a heathen deity whom the Jews credited with having supremacy among evil spirits.

Satan is referred to as "Accuser of the brethren," "Angel of the bottomless pit," Enemy, Father of Lies, Old Serpent, Power of Darkness, God of This World, Prince of the Power of the Air—and other titles.

The devil is responsible for all the sickness in the world. Acts 10:38. The devil is responsible for death. Romans 5:12, John 8:44. The devil puts evil purposes into the hearts of men. John 13:2. He blinds the minds of the unbelieving. II Corinthians 4:4. He taketh away the Word when it is preached. Mark 4:14-15. He sows tares in God's field. Matthew 13:39. He personally entered into Judas. John 13:27.

During the period known to Bible students as "the Great Tribulation," Satan's spirit will enter the Antichrist who will appear as the world's dictator. To become such, he will show great power to bring order out of chaos and perform lying wonders. Having established his dictatorship through deception, he will then show his real nature and give the nations a reign of terror such as never was before. II Thessalonians 2:5-10. He will receive his just reward. Revelation 20:10.

Satan has his ministers and his churches to carry on his work. The number of false teachings in the world is legion. II Corinthians 11:14-15. Satan buffets God's servants. II Corinthians 12:7. Satan buffets to degrade and ruin, but God overrules to purge and strengthen.

Excarinate beings called "demons" are legion in number. They seek to hinder God's work. Mark 5:9. But Christians are taught to "resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7. And, praise God, Christian believer! The Spirit of God in you is greater in power and wisdom than the spirit of Satan which is in the world.

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THE stature of a statesman can be accurately determined by two convenient yardsticks, which must always be used together.

One is his **OPPOSITION** to certain things.

Another is his **ADVOCACY** of other things.

It is necessary also to consider the **TIME** and the **CIRCUMSTANCES** under which his enmities and his friendships were made.

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To appraise Senator Reynolds by his enemies, who are his most bitter opponents?

The Communists, their radical associates, their pink admirers, the subversive doctrinaires, both native and alien.

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And he has taken great pains to justify their enmity.

This clear-eyed North Carolinian long ago saw through a fog of controversy to detect, and roundly condemn, the implicit tendency of pseudo-social reform toward paternalism and toward dictatorship.

The analysis is sound.

Carried out to its logical conclusion, it brings up the specters of the corporate state, the single party, the destruction of free speech and freedom of the press, right of assembly and the outlawing of religion.

Is it then strange that Senator Reynolds should have devoted his best energies to attack radicalism?

And is it any wonder that the radicals should have trained their deadliest armament upon Senator Reynolds?

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AS A Democrat with an independent mind, Senator Reynolds has opposed some New Deal measures while supporting others.

This independence is not fashionable nowadays.

Consequently, the New Deal bureaucrats have strenuously opposed Senator Reynolds.

Senator Reynolds assays very high by the yardstick of his foes.

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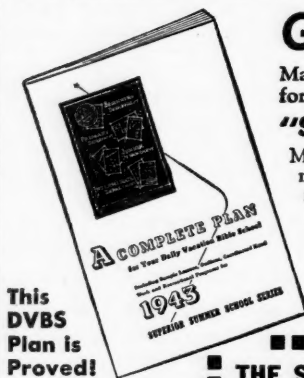
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"At present, a quick and tremendous offensive against Japan proper might bring her to defeat.

"We should be blind if we did not realize these painful facts."

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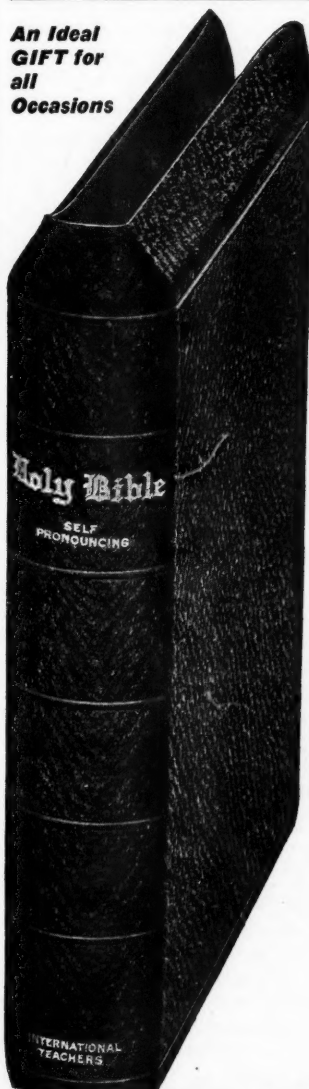
Inward Anchorage

IN Carl Sandberg's *The Prairie Years* the author says of Lincoln: "He was frequently observed in the lawyer's office or in the crowded courtroom with his chair tipped back against the wall, his long limbs drawn up under him, his tall hat pulled down over his eyes, wrapped in impenetrable reflection which no one ventured to disturb." The uniqueness of Abraham Lincoln was due, in no small measure, to profound inward resources. It was not that he withdrew from outward activity or from

the intense problems of his age. It was, rather, that he had an anchorage within himself. In our passion for the social application of religion, some of us have lost religion itself. We must begin with God and then work outward toward man.

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The Preacher

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IN First Timothy 4:16 the apostle Paul addresses the preacher as follows: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." And while Paul here speaks of both the man and his message, we are going to think first of all of the man.

You will note that he says to Timothy, "Take heed unto thyself." While the doctrine or the message is of vital importance, more important still is the life of the one who delivers it.

Well did one of the writers of the Old Testament say, "They made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept." And many a preacher who cares for the vineyard of others, neglects his own. "Take heed unto thyself."

Water can rise only to its level. No higher. What the preacher is, his congregation will be. Show me a spiritual pastor and I will show you a spiritual congregation. Show me a worldly pastor and I will show you a worldly congregation. Show me a carnal pastor and I will show you a carnal congregation. "Like priest, like people," said one of old. How true!

Send a carnal missionary to the foreign field. If he gets converts, they, too, will be carnal. Send a spiritual missionary to the field and his converts will be spiritual. How great then the responsibility of the leader.

If you would produce spiritual results, you, yourself must be spiritual. Once again let me point out that you can only lift others to your own level. They will be what you are. You may preach and teach the deepest truths, but you will discover that the lives of those to whom you speak are not being transformed by

your preaching, simply because your life does not back up what you say. It is what you are that counts most.

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh." It can never be anything else. Flesh it is, and flesh it will remain. Vegetables bear vegetables, fruit produces fruit, birds, birds, and animals, animals. There is no crossing of the species. God's order is unchangeable. Your pet dog can never become your child. Dog it is, and dog it will always remain, regardless of your teaching and instruction. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh."

In other words, that which is born of carnality is carnality. That which is born of worldliness is worldliness. But "that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Spirituality in you produces spirituality in others. You leave your impression upon all those with whom you associate. No wonder, then, Paul said to Timothy, "Take heed unto thyself."

That means that the most important part of a sermon is the man who preaches it. The best preparation for the pulpit is an experience with God. The mere theologian will be a failure as a preacher. Everything that interferes with a man's Christian experience, interferes with the effectiveness of his sermon.

Character is the most important factor of all. Life, not logic, is the essential thing. Experience and no doctrine is better than doctrine and no experience. Not only should men prepare their sermons, they should prepare themselves. What a man is, conditions the power of what he says.

A sermon illustrated by a godly life is almost irresistible. The preacher's authority is from the unseen Christ, his power from the Holy Ghost. He should so live as to be regarded as a man familiar with the unseen world. His life should be pure and strong as a result of companionship with Christ, for then he will speak with peculiar power. It is not what he says but what he has experienced that counts.

He is not a reformer, nor a social service worker. He is not an education-

alist. His work is spiritual. He should practice the presence of God and live in the unseen world. He should be a Spirit-filled man, a man of prayer and Bible study. He must walk with God, for spiritual power cannot be purchased with money. It cannot come as a result of study or because he wants it or even prays for it. It comes when man supplies the one condition—a surrendered will. But the preacher must pay the price if he is to be used of God, and there are five things of which he must beware:

1. Laziness.

The preacher's time is largely his own. All he has to do is to prepare two or three sermons a week and visit a few sick people. Unless he takes his calling seriously and creates his own work, he will have but little to do. He can be very busy if he has a mind to work.

2. Financial Irresponsibility.

God says, "Owe no man anything." The preacher above all others should

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If he is preaching for a living he will never succeed. But if he is preaching for what he would gladly do for nothing, he has caught the vision. God's Word should be a fire burning in his bones. He should preach because he cannot do otherwise.

4. Cowardice.

No preacher should fail to declare the whole counsel of God. He should preach to rich and poor alike and say what he

has to say straight from the shoulder, fearless of all who hear him.

5. Spiritual Indolence.

Many a preacher reads the Bible to get sermons, but neglects his own soul. Unless he feeds on it daily for himself he will be weak spiritually, and his ministry ineffective. He should have a place and time for prayer and Bible study if he is to grow spiritually. Nothing can take the place of the quiet hour alone with God. He must first feed himself and then out of the abundance of his own spiritual experience he will be able to minister to others. "Enoch walked with God." The men most used of God are those whose devotions have not been neglected.

Mission To Moscow

JOSEPH DAVIES, former Ambassador to Russia, is credited with having made possible Hollywood's latest invasion into matters political, through the production and release of the new film "Mission To Moscow."

Except for praise lavished by official Communist publications, the picture is being universally condemned. Almost everybody seems to disapprove its twisting and distorting of truth to suit the fancies of international propagandists.

Even a well known weekly magazine, famous for its left-wing, radical journalistic tendencies asks . . . Is this movie, which deliberately twists fact and history to put the rosier possible lights on U. S.-Soviet relations, the way to improve those relations? Is it fair and honest to present such a distortion of momentous events to the U. S. people as final truth? In unusual accord, critics, historians, columnists answer "No."

Of course, the editors of such outright red magazines and newspapers as the New Masses and Communist Daily Worker describe it as "Just about a perfect film" and "about the best propaganda picture I've ever seen."

But the New York Times denounces it as failing "utterly to do justice to Russia, grossly misrepresents the United States, and would not sell international cooperation to anybody."

The most effective castigation of "Mission To Moscow" was written jointly by Professor John Dewey and Suzanne LaFollette, both of whom investigated the Moscow purge trials a few years ago. In a letter comprising some two thousand words, these authors condemned the film as, "The first instance in our country to totalitarian propaganda for mass production."

Salient features of their letter are as follows:

"The film telescopes the trial of 1937 and that of 1938. Dramatic license might possibly excuse this . . . But there is no excuse for including as an accused in this synthetic trial Marshal Tukhachevsky, who was secretly executed in

June 1937, after no trial at all. To show Marshal Tukhachevsky having his day in court may serve the interests of Soviet propaganda. It does not serve the interests of 'truth about Russia.'

"The film represents Stalin as having been driven into Hitler's arms by the Franco-British policy of appeasement. There is no reference to the desperate efforts of France and Britain to reach a defensive alliance with Stalin in 1939 . . . Hitler's armies are shown invading Poland, not Stalin's.

"Nor is there in the film even the merest hint that in France, England, the United States—wherever the Communist Internationale was functioning—THE COMMUNIST PARTIES SYSTEMATICALLY SABOTAGED THE ALLIED CAUSE. One would never know that the most determined and noisy isolationists in this country before June 22, 1941, were in the Communist-led American Peace Mobilization.

"The film is subtly anti-British. It conveys the impression that Stalin's foreign policy has always been democratic and anti-fascist and Britain's one of appeasement. One would never suspect that it was Stalin who enabled Hitler to attack Poland, and Chamberlain who came to Poland's Defense."

As a parting shot and concluding statement of their letter, John Dewey and Suzanne LaFollette, have this to say:

"The film is anti-British, anti-Congress, anti-democratic and anti-truth. It deepens that crisis in morals which is the fundamental issue in the modern world . . . (It) is a major defeat for the democratic cause."

The Red Decade... By Eugene Lyons

Eugene Lyons, secular writer and editor of "American Mercury," is conducting a spirited campaign against all totalitarianisms in the United States, including Communism. He represented the United Press in Russia for six years and was the first foreign correspondent ever to interview Stalin. In this book, "The Red Decade," he traces the history of Bolshevik activity in America, gives a warning which must not be ignored, introduces the reader to the red bosses assigned to destroy the United States by revolutionary violence, builds up a terrifying picture of red underground activities . . . 423 pages. Price postpaid, \$3.00.

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"BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."—I Peter 1:5-5.

The Christian's hope, which is here designated as a "lively—living—hope" does not spring eternally in the human breast. Unregenerated men know nothing about it. They are aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world (Eph. 2:12).

This hope of the Christian has its origin in regeneration. It starts with the new birth. It begins when we are "born again." It is not the result of resolves. It is not the reward of works. It is not purchased by prayer. It is not the product of purity. It is not procured by our pleadings. It is planted in us by the new birth. God "begets us again unto" this living hope.

Founded Upon the Resurrection of Christ

Peter praises God for begetting us again unto a living hope "by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." This vital relation between the resurrection of Christ and the hope of the Christian is more fully set forth by the Apostle Paul when he wrote:

"If there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen; and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain, yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ; whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised; and if Christ be not risen, your faith in vain, ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Cor. 15:13-19).

Measured by the Mercy of God

Peter declared that God has begotten us again unto this living hope by the resurrection of Christ and that it is "according to his abundant mercy." This gives us the measure of the Christian's hope. The same thought is expressed in Titus 3:5 where we read: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost."

In Luke 18:9-14 we have a parable in which we are specifically told Jesus spoke to "certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others." It is the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, and is as follows:

"Two men went up into the temple to pray: the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

Now the trouble with the Pharisee was that he measured his hope by his good works and his own righteousness. The blessing of the publican was that he claimed no good works or self-righteousness but plead the mercy of God. And we are told by Jesus that he went down to his house from that prayermeet-

ing justified. He was justified according to the "abundant" mercy of God which is the measure of every Christian's living hope.

Our Heavenly Heritage

The Christian's hope embraces a heavenly heritage. Peter wrote that God, according to His abundant mercy, had begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead "to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven." Paul wrote: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirits, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." (Rom. 8:16, 17).

This heritage is "incorruptible." This is the same thing that is said concerning our resurrected body in I Corinthians 15:53, 54, and points to its imperishable duration. It is also the thought expressed by Paul concerning our heavenly home when he declares, "We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (II Cor. 5:1). Thus we shall have an eternal body, an eternal home, and an eternal heritage in contrast to the transitory body, dwelling place and earthly possessions of this life.

Our heritage is said to be "undefiled." This means that it has no tarnishes or

SUCCESS THRU FAILURE

WE ARE passing through days of transition and restless change. Many kingdoms of knowledge and experience in which we trusted have crumbled. Principles of conduct which we once regarded as certain as the axioms of Euclid have lost authority. Cherished creeds are abandoned, like worn out aqueducts, for new channels of thought and expression. We need to be reminded again that the roots of religion are not in books or theories or creeds, but in the nature and needs of man and in the answering fullness of God. The Church did not create religion. Religion was born, not made. The real significance of life is not to be identified with current events and immediate results, but with the ultimate triumph of Christian character which frequently comes through apparent failure. What is the passing of time when we have Christ?

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taints upon it and points to its acquisition. It was not purchased by such "corruptible things as silver and gold," but its purchase price was "the precious blood of Jesus Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world but was manifest in these last times." It indicates the same adoration as that given expression to by the new song of heaven ascribing our redemption to Jesus: "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth" (Rev. 5:9, 10).

We read that this heritage "fadeth not away." This points to its enjoyment by us. It is not an illusion. It is not a mirage. It is not a cunningly devised fable. Its joys will never pass away. Its glories will never grow dim. Its peace will never perish. It was this aspect of our heritage to which Paul was alluding when he wrote: "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). And again, "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (I Corinthians 3:17).

Finally, we are told that this heritage is "reserved in heaven." It is where Jesus said for us to lay up our treasures—"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matthew 6:20). This is the heritage that Jesus promised the rich young ruler when He told him: "Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give it to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, take up thy cross, and follow me."

"A Reserved Heritage and a Kept Heir"

Peter tells us that this incorruptible, undefiled, fadeless and reserved heritage is for those "who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." The heritage is "reserved" and the heir is "kept." God guards both. He reserves one in heaven and keeps the other on earth. One is as safe as the other. His keeping power on the earth is just as great as His protecting power in heaven.

"Kept by the power of God through faith." When Jesus told Peter that he was to betray Him before the cock crowed He also said: "But I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not" (Luke 22:32). That was about all of Peter that did not fail. His courage failed. His devotion failed. His self-control failed. His integrity failed. He cursed and lied but when he heard the rooster crow and saw Jesus looking at him his faith took hold of his heart afresh and he went out and wept bitterly and forty days later at Pentecost preached a sermon that converted three thousand souls.

"For whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God . . . for whosoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God" (I John 5:4, 5).

This Hope An Anchor of the Soul

The writer of Hebrews calls attention to God's promise to Abraham and then says that He, "willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold on the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." That we might have strong consolation. The Christian's hope is his consolation. It is the anchor of his soul in times of stress and storm.

Such an anchor is needed. Over each pathway some clouds must darken, into each life some rain must fall. All of us meet our obstacles. Social standards change. Political, industrial, economic and domestic strife arises. Creeds conflict. Plans go wrong. Friends betray our confidence. Life's earnings are often lost. Disease takes its toll upon our bodies. We must separate from loved ones. We face sunshine and shadow, sorrow and joy, life and death. How shall we meet them?

The answer is given us in Mother's Bible. We sorrow not as others who have no hope. We have fled for refuge and laid hold upon the hope set before us and we have it as an anchor of our souls both sure and steadfast.

Signing The Constitution

THE famous "Madison papers" were published after the Constitution of the United States was written at the Philadelphia convention in 1787. They record many of the remarks made by the assembled delegates who represented the thirteen colonies.

When the immortal Document was finished, its creators assembled to sign it. On that occasion, the venerable Benjamin Franklin uttered these historic words:

"When you assemble a number of men, to have the advantage of their joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble with those men all their prejudices, their passions, their errors of opinion, their local interests, and their selfish views. It therefore astonishes me to find this system approaching so near to perfection as it does, and I think it will astonish our enemies, who are waiting with confidence to hear that our counsels are confounded like those of the builders of Babel. Thus I consent to this Constitution because I expect no better."

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ON a later occasion, Daniel Webster said:

"This Constitution of the United States, the nearest approach of mortal to perfect political wisdom, was the work of men who purchased liberty with their blood, but who found that, without organization, freedom was not a blessing. They formed it, and the people, in their intelligence, adopted it.

"And what has been its history? Has it trodden down any man's rights? Has it circumscribed the liberty of the press? Has it stopped the mouth of any honest man? Has it held us up as objects of disgrace abroad?

"How much the reverse! It has given us character abroad; and when, with Washington at its head, it went forth to the world, this young country at once became the most interesting and imposing in the circle of civilized nations."

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."—Wendell Phillips.

Four "Cross And Flag" Editorials

SPEAKING editorially through the columns of his rapidly-growing magazine, "The Cross and the Flag," Mr. Gerald L. K. Smith says:

I.

In a current issue of the NEW MASSES magazine a full-page advertisement appears on page 2. (NEW MASSES is the official magazine of the Communist Party). This advertisement is designed to inform the people that one man who must be stopped and destroyed in America is Gerald L. K. Smith. They outline their campaign and then inform the reader that they need \$40,000 to carry on the fight. This magazine is just one little part of the tremendous Communist program. If they're willing to spend \$40,000 to get me, it proves that we must be doing some good. Nothing is more complimentary than to be fought and hated by atheistic Communists.

II.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker is a real American. We may not agree with him on every detail, but he is a man of God and a real patriot. He went down to the door of death with other heroic Americans in the Pacific. He came back with a great testimony of faith in Christ and with an appeal to our people to save our American way of life. He was praised as a hero and a patriot until he began to attack the bureaucrats and the Communists, as well as the shirkers and the jerkers. Then they turned loose their smear barrage. Perhaps no man is hated more today by the Communists than Eddie Rickenbacker.

III.

IN FACT is the name of a four-page sheet put out by the friends of Communism. They send it to newspaper editors, propagandists pinks, etc. They follow the Communist Party line almost perfectly. They fight the Dies Committee, they hate Senator Reynolds, they want all the refugees to come to America, etc. One of their pet hates is the editor of this magazine. I am complimented.

IV.

Walter Reuther is a high official in the CIO. He was educated in Moscow. He and his pink clique are now organ-

izing snoopers to watch their neighbors and see if they are obeying all the little bureaucratic rules. That is Hitler stuff—or perhaps Mr. Reuther learned these tricks in Moscow when he and his brother were studying revolutionary methods at the international headquarters of world Communism. Thus far, snooping has not been very successful, and I doubt if the American people will stand for Mr. Reuther and his "peeping Tom" program. We favor organized Labor but we happen to know that the CIO Council of Detroit recently elected its officers on the Communist ticket. There is no place for Nazi-Communists in organized Labor, any more than there is a place for them in the church, the school or the Government.

(Note: The subscription price of "The Cross and Flag" is \$2.00 the year. It is a monthly publication. Address . . . P. O. Box 459, Detroit, Michigan.)

AMERICA

OUR national hymn was written by Samuel Francis Smith while he was still a theological student at Andover Academy, in 1832.

"I did not know at the time that the tune was the British 'God Save the King,'" he said. "I did not purpose to write a national hymn. I laid the song aside and nearly forgot I had made it. Some weeks later I sent it to Mr. Mason, and on the following Fourth of July he brought it out, much to my surprise, at the children's celebration in the Park Street Church, Boston."

Four years later the song was published in a collection and soon gripped the public mind. Today the hymn is sung wherever there are loyal Americans.

My country! 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died! Land of the pilgrims' pride!

From every mountain side let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods

and templed hills:
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song:

Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;

Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our father's God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing:

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;

Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!

Monkeys Reject Evolution

MONKEYS are reported to be objecting most strenuously to the theory that mankind descended from them. They refuse to assume responsibility for the actions of the "genus homo." The following poem allegedly expresses their resentment . . .

Three monkeys dining once in a coconut tree
Were discussing some things they heard true to be.
"What do you think? Now, listen, you two—
Here, monkeys, is something that can not be true.

"That humans descend from our noble race!
Why, it's shocking—a terrible disgrace.
Whoever heard of a monkey deserting his wife,
Leaving a baby to starve and ruin its life?

"And have you ever known of a mother monk
To leave her darling with strangers to bunk?
Their babies are handed from one to another,
And some scarcely know the love of a mother.

"And I've never known a monkey so selfish to be,
As to build a fence around a coconut tree,
So other monkeys can't get a wee taste,
But would let all the coconuts there go to waste.

"Why, if I'd put a fence around this coconut tree,
Starvation would force you to steal from me.
And here is another thing a monkey won't do—
Seek a cocktail parlor and get on a stew.

"Carouse and go on a whoopee, disgracing his life,
Then reel madly home and beat up his wife.
They call this all pleasure and make a big fuss—
They've descended from something, but not from us!"

"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"—Patrick Henry.

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Day (October 12), Navy Day (October 27), Presidential Election Day (first Tuesday after the first Monday in November every fourth year), Armistice Day (November 11), Thanksgiving Day; on Admission Day and Election Days in the different states, and on any other patriotic occasions.

On Memorial Day the flag should be at half mast until noon, then raised to the peak for the rest of the day.

The flag is not raised before sunrise and is lowered at sunset. In raising and lowering the flag it must not touch the ground. Those present at the ceremony should stand at attention, ready to salute.

DISPLAYING THE FLAG

When displaying the flag on a staff, the field of blue must touch the head of the staff. When the flag is displayed, either vertically or horizontally against a wall, the field of blue should be uppermost and at the flag's right. When displayed between two points, so that both sides are visible, the stripes must be vertical. In an east-and-west street, the field of blue is to the north and to the east in a north-and-south street.

SALUTING THE FLAG

It is proper to salute the flag when it is passing in a parade (about five or six paces away) and during the ceremony of raising or lowering the flag.

To salute the flag correctly, a person in uniform stands at attention, raises the right hand to forehead over the right eye, palm downward, fingers extended and close together, the arm at an angle of about forty-five degrees. The hand is moved outward about twelve inches, then dropped to side.

A man not in uniform, unless he belongs to the military or naval service, need not salute. He removes his hat with his right hand and holds it near his left shoulder, which means that his hand is held over his heart. He stands at attention.

A woman places her right hand over her heart and stands at attention.

If you move, be sure to notify The Defender, giving both your old and new addresses.

WHEN WORN AS A BADGE

When worn as a badge, the flag should be small and without folds. It should be pinned to the left breast of dress or coat or to the left coat lapel. It must not be used as part of a costume or as a decoration.

No advertising or lettering may appear upon it. The flag as a trademark for merchandise is prohibited by law.

OUR FLAG IN RELATION TO OTHER FLAGS

The Flag of the United States has the right-hand position when carried in a parade with the flag of another country, or when crossed with the flag of another nation, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag. When grouped with other flags, it takes the highest place and must be of the same height and size.

IN A PUBLIC BUILDING

When displaying a flag in the nave

of a church, it should be at the congregation's right. When flown from a staff or in the chancel or on a speaker's platform, the flag is at the speaker's right, slightly in front. If displayed flat on a speaker's platform, it should be above and behind the speaker, hung high enough to be above the heads of any persons sitting on the platform.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

This pledge to the flag, written by Francis Bellamy, has become an accepted daily practice in many schools. The child stands at attention. When he says, "to the Flag," he extends his right hand, palm upward, toward the Flag. After the words, "justice for all," have been spoken, he lets his hand fall to his side.

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Puerto Rico's Fate Hangs In The Balance

TWO MEASURES bearing directly upon the future of Puerto Rico are now pending before the United States Senate . . . one introduced by Senator Tydings of Maryland, the other by Senator Langer of North Dakota.

The first would force complete Independence upon the Island. The latter would admit it to Statehood.

It appears, the overwhelming majority of Puerto Ricans prefer that their Island shall become a State of the Union, rather than sever connections with the United States. For some reason, the Roosevelt Administration appears to favor the Tydings proposal.

On May 2, 1943 a public rally was staged in the city of Santurce, attended by 2,500 delegates, representing every part of the Island. A San Juan newspaper man expressed the tenor of the gathering, in an editorial, published the following day, which began with these words:

"Yesterday a large assemblage of Puerto Ricans met at the Central High School to ask Uncle Sam to sew another star on the Stars and Stripes. The Statehood Congress was represented by some of the most responsible members of the community, and was sponsored by, among others, four members of the Insular Supreme Court."

Dr. J. F. Rodriguez, Superintendent of Spanish Defenders Missionary work, makes an analysis of the problem, and concludes by saying: "As Bible Christians, it is clear to us that, for liberty of conscience, and the furtherance of Christ's Gospel in Puerto Rico, permanent political union with the United States is an absolute necessity. Any other type of government would spell a setback to the welfare of the Island."

Because Puerto Rico's future is now hanging precariously in the balances . . .

because the Island was first opened to the preaching of the Gospel when the United States assumed possession after the Spanish-American War . . . because Christians of the United States have a special interest in the physical, moral, spiritual and cultural welfare of our Spanish friends and neighbors in the West Indies . . . and because so much pro and con discussion regarding Puerto Rico is taking place these days through the press, over the radio, and in the halls of Congress—it seems wise, at this time, to reproduce the complete text of an article which appeared in a newspaper of San Juan, Puerto Rico, immediately after the rally of May 2nd.

A perusal of this story will give Defender Readers a mental picture of the basic factors involved:

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TWENTY-FIVE hundred delegates from all parts and walks of life of the island attended yesterday the first pro-statehood Congress ever held in Puerto Rico, at which several resolutions were adopted, including one to draft a model constitution for the island when and if the Island becomes a state of the Union, and another to appoint a commission to appear before the United States Insular Committee to oppose the Tydings Independence Bill.

The Congress convened in the assembly hall of the Central High School

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building in Santurce, starting at 10:15 a. m., and continuing until 7:30 p. m., with a two-hour recess at lunch time.

City Manager Gonzalo Diago welcomed the delegates in a short speech.

Presided over by District Judge Marcelino Romany and with four of the five Supreme Court justices—Chief Justice Emilio del Toro, and Associate Justices Angel de Jesus, Roberto Todd, Jr. and Martin Travieso—attending, the Congress went wild with enthusiasm, when Chief Justice Del Toro addressed the meeting and delivered a speech which was considered by the audience the climax of the Congress. Del Toro's words repeatedly placed the audience on its feet, especially when he said: "Whoever presented this measure (apparently meaning the Tydings Independence Bill) does not love us indeed. The bill tends to divide the Puerto Rican family and take her off the course that should be her only ideal at this supreme time—win the war."

WISH DOES NOT EXIST

Advocating statehood throughout his entire oration, Justice del Toro explained he was certain the independence measure would not pass the United States Congress. "I have such faith in the honor and spirit of responsibility and justice of the representatives of the American people in Congress that I do not consider it possible that the bill may ever become a law unless those representatives should be convinced that that and no other was the wish of the Puerto Rican community . . . and we all know that such wish does not exist."

On a delegate's motion, del Toro's speech will be sent today by cable to the Senate's Insular Committee. It will be also printed in pamphlet form and distributed through the Island and the United States.

Former governor of Puerto Rico, James R. Beverley, one of the founders of the Puerto Rican Statehood advocate, followed Justice del Toro with a strong speech in which he flayed the sponsor

of the independence bill now under consideration by the United States Senate.

BEVERLEY SPEECH

"We must tell the Senator from Maryland and our 'friends' from Cuba that the political status of Puerto Rico is our problem, not theirs. There is no power on earth can take citizenship away from us—neither Tydings, nor the President of the United States, the United States Congress, or the League of Nations can take from us what is now our heritage," Beverley said.

Though the Congress was non-partisan and local politics was kept out of its deliberations, organization and resolutions, the attendance was composed of members of all political parties having statehood in their platforms, including some Popular affiliates like Popular Senator Felipe Colon Diaz, of Ponce, whose ideal has always been statehood for the Island.

Dr. J. J. Osuna, of the University of Puerto Rico, spoke about the teaching of English in Puerto Rico, and said that while English teaching must be intensified if we are to become a state of the Union, that teaching should be carried out scientifically so that pupils may assimilate the language properly without torturing their minds during their elementary grades. Dr. Osuna made his speech in English and was enthusiastically applauded.

Mrs. Jane Nicole de Mariana was the next speaker. She made a call to all Puerto Rican women to join the movement for statehood as the only means of delivering this Island from its present state of misery and confusion.

After the lunch recess Associate Justice Martin Travieso of the Supreme Court took the floor to deliver a speech in which he made the Tydings Independence Bill the target of a most earnest attack.

"This bill is little less than an outrage," he shouted. He added that the bill was deficient in many parts, especially where it says that Puerto Ricans can keep their status as American citizens even after independence is granted.

OLD ORCHARD

Through error, for which The Defender apologizes, an article in the April issue mentioned Rev. S. M. Thompson as President of the Old Orchard (Maine) Camp Meeting Association. Mr. Fred I. Luce is president. Mr. Thompson is a member of the board.

"What would be the case if the entire two-million population of the Island decided to remain American citizens in the new republic?" he cried.

RESOLUTIONS HEARD

After Travieso's speech the Congress heard the report of the Committee on Resolutions and discussed and approved eleven resolutions all having to do, more or less, with statehood for Puerto Rico.

One resolution was passed making the Statehood Congress a permanent organization, to convene annually every 25th of July—the date of the American occupation of the Island.

Former speaker of the Insular House of Representatives, Miguel A. Garcia Mendez, then read a letter he wrote to

Senator Millard E. Tydings in connection with the present independence bill.

The Congress was closed with a speech by lawyer Rafael Cuevas Zequeira, one of the most fervent advocates of statehood.

Cuevas recalled the Foraker Act which was the Organic Act of the Island after the American occupation and then referred to the Jones Act making Puerto Ricans citizens of the United States.

He affirmed that, according to all precedents, the United States Congress lacks the right to give the Island a sovereignty foreign to American citizenship and that when granting citizenship to the Puerto Ricans, the Congress had taken the first step towards making the Island a state, "a step which cannot be retreated from now."

Preaching In An Isolated Community

A RECENT letter from Rev. and Mrs. Arthur W. Pain, missionaries to Cuba, tells of conducting revival services in a small, isolated locality, where two struggling Churches had been established. Considering that there are so many "ups-and-downs" in missionary work . . . so many dark days and discouragements—this sweeping spiritual victory was a heartening experience to the missionaries. The report, presented below, will be edifying to all who have a vision of, and a passion for, lost souls. Mr. Pain says in part:

"We reached the village after a tiresome trip. The place had never shown any interest in things religious. But we met a little band of real Christians who said they had never ceased to pray that a revival would come. They regarded our presence as an answer to their

prayers. We began preaching the same evening of our arrival.

"The radio station at Guantanamo gave us a half-hour the first day. After the broadcast, they insisted that we take a full hour every day. The Gospel message thereby reached many in the armed forces, as well as people in interior points whom we could not have otherwise hoped to contact. We held 21 services during the week. Each night found the building packed, with people standing.

"More than 200 souls professed conversion. When it came time to leave, people thronged about us, begging with tears streaming down their cheeks, that we promise to return. During our 13 years work on this Island, I have never witnessed such heart hunger as we are

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observing on every hand today, or had so many calls to go here and there with the message. The best way to reach communities of this type is with a large Gospel tent. So far, we have worn out four such tents.

"Friends in the States will never know

what their prayers and material help mean to missionaries out on the firing line, in the front ranks, taking the story of redeeming love to lost and dying men, women and children. We feel very much encouraged by the success of this last meeting—and we want all of our friends who read *The Defender* to rejoice with us."

Missionary Boat Purchased

MENTION was made through the March *Defender* that Rev. Paul N. Revere, native missionary to Liberia, needed a new "Gospel Boat," to replace the one destroyed in an accident, from which he and a group of Christians barely escaped drowning. On April 12, 1943, Dr. Winrod wrote Mr. Revere as follows:

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Dear Brother Revere:

Back in late December, 1942, you wrote us from Grand Bassa about your tragic experience with the boat. We shall never cease to thank God for safe deliverance from the accident that nearly took your life.

In the last letter, you stated reasons why a new boat, to replace the one destroyed, was essential to successful prosecution of missionary work. You also indicated that \$480.00 would be required to make such a purchase.

Please be assured that we have brought this matter to the attention of praying friends here in the States. Already a few voluntary contributions have been received. The matter is now sufficiently advanced for us to suggest that you begin making plans for the purchase of a new boat. I would estimate that within approximately three weeks from this date, it will be possible to send the amount (\$480.00).

I am sure this information will bring joy to your heart and be accepted in a spirit of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father Who watches over His children during this earthly pilgrimage.

Ask the native Christians to keep remembering us in Prayer . . . and we are praying for you.

Your Brother in Christ,

—Dr. Gerald B. Winrod.

This letter followed May 11, 1943 by another communication which stated:

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Dear Brother Revere:

Supplementing my earlier letter regarding the purchase of a Missionary Boat, I am happy to announce that needed funds are now on hands. We are enclosing \$480.00—this being the amount indicated in your letter from Grand Bassa, written immediately after the accident.

Knowing something of the wide areas covered in your preaching missions, and the kind of country through which you are obliged to travel, I fully realize that a boat is an absolute necessity. Indeed, the old one saw several years of active service. When the new one is purchased, kindly send a photograph for use in *The Defender* Missionary Department, because friends whose offerings have made this purchase possible, will be interested to see it.

With best brotherly regards,

Yours in Christ,

—Dr. Gerald B. Winrod.

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SENATOR HERRING PRAYED

The following statement appeared as a syndicated feature story from Washington, D. C., May 16, 1943 . . .

FORMER Senator Clyde Herring of Iowa, now an OPA official, knows the heartaches of parents who have boys missing in action.

His son, Captain Clyde Edsel Herring, of the 168th Infantry, was missing for five weeks in Tunisia.

"Those five weeks were like a nightmare," recalls the elder Herring. "I don't know how I managed to get through them. As time went on, and no word came, I almost gave up hope that I would ever see my boy again."

Then one morning when he arrived at the office, his secretary reported that five long-distance phone calls were awaiting him. Then she added that Colonel Charles Easterbrook of the War Department's Casualty Branch also had called.

"Forget the long-distance calls—get me Colonel Easterbrook!" Herring almost shouted.

"The next few seconds were like an eternity," says the OPA official. "When Colonel Easterbrook finally got on the line, his first words were, 'I've found him, Senator, I've found him!'"

Herring could hardly reply.

"Yes, and I don't mind admitting that I was where everybody should be when they thank their Maker for a great blessing," says the former Iowa Senator humbly. "I was on my knees."

(NOTE—The Red Cross located young Herring, uninjured, in a Nazi prison camp at Rotenberg, Germany.)

"The governments of the past could fairly be characterized as devices for maintaining in perpetuity the place and position of certain privileged classes. The government of the United States is a device for maintaining in perpetuity the rights of the people."—Calvin Coolidge.

"THE GOD WHO GAVE US LIFE GAVE US LIBERTY AT THE SAME TIME."—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

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IS GOD A JEW? By Dr. W. D. Herrstrom. Published by the Author. Pages 24. Price 10 cents.

IN this brochure, the Author goes into detail to prove that our Lord was indeed the Son of Man in a peculiar sense . . . and as such was devoid of dominant racial traits in the days of His flesh. Because He was the Second Creation, His coming was in absolute contradiction of every law of nature as we know it in procreation and gestation.

Dr. Herrstrom believes that the conception, gestation and parturition were all supernatural; that no drop of sinful human blood entered His body, and in this connection calls attention to Hebrews 10:5, Isaiah 7:14 and 66:7. He says: "Thus we have a Saviour with a perfect human nature, Who is at the same time Deity. The blood that was shed was untainted by the Adamic blood-stream—untainted by Mary or any other fallen human being. The blood that flowed through the veins of the Last Adam was created by the Eternal God, as truly as the blood that flowed through the veins of the First Adam. That is the reason His blood can atone for the sin of the world."

Several subjects are discussed, such as, "Is God a Jew?" "Christ—God or Demi-god," "Why Jesus Did Not Call Mary His Mother," "Answering Objections" and "The Mystery of Christ's Incarnation."

Bible students will find in this booklet complete refutation of the arguments of scoffers concerning the Virgin Birth. Special prices are given on quantities.

MY DAILY GUIDE. By Rev. Theodore W. Engstrom. Zondervan Publishing House. Pages 126. Price 50 cents.

JUST what the title suggests, this artistically printed and bound book is a guide to daily devotions, prepared

especially for the men in the armed forces and industrial workers whose time is limited . . . yet who feel the desire for a closer walk with God. Its size is such as to fit compactly into a man's pocket or lady's purse.

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THE DOOM OF DELAY. By Dr. Sam Morris. Published by the Author. Pages 34. Price 25 cents.

DR. SAM MORRIS, prolific lecturer and writer on Temperance topics, has added to his list of splendid publications, this brochure containing six sermons delivered to radio audiences. They are sent forth in this form to broaden the scope of service rendered.

It has been said, "Procrastination is the thief of time," but Dr. Morris proves that it is far more fatal, for it may also be the thief of eternity. Lot lingered and lost everything he held dear. Felix and Agrippa delayed and lost their souls. Pilate delayed and proved himself a coward. Any sinner may delay making the decision that will determine his eternal destiny.

The titles of these sermons are suggestive of their contents. "Lot Lingered," "The Excuse for Delay," "The Folly of Delay," "The Cowardice of Delay," "The Curse of Delay" and "The Doom of Delay."

PRECIOUS PROMISES OF GOD. Prepared by James DeForest Murch. Standard Publishing Company. Pages 32. Price 15 cents.

PRINTED in four beautiful colors, this booklet is something different in the art gift line. Selected "precious prom-

ises" from God's Word, a brief anthology of appropriate poems and six masterpieces of art, accompanied by inspiring homilies, make up the contents.

This booklet also contains a section called "Bible Promises Book by Book," comprising a list of Messianic Scriptural promises under alphabetical arrangement. Since there are more than 30,000 Promises scattered through the Word of God, it is obvious that only a few can be catalogued in a treatise of this kind . . . but a sufficient number are mentioned to provide hours of instructive study.

The table of contents is as follows: Riches of God, the First Promise, Inspiring Poems, A Symbol of Promise, Bible Promises Book by Book, the Promise to Abraham, Bible Promises A to Z, Isaiah Voices the Promise, Messianic Promises, the Beatitudes, Songs of Promise, the Promise of His Coming, and Prayer Promises.

THE LIGHT IN THE VALLEY. By F. E. Buffum. Salem Publishing Company. Pages 78. Price 30 cents.

THIS appealing story for youngsters sprang from a desire on the part of the Author to "supply young people with the kind of reading that will interest and help lift them to the high and noble aims of life."

The story is laid in western Kansas. It centers around the lives of a beautiful young school teacher who had been kidnaped . . . and a deputy sheriff from Texas, who happened along at the critical moment. With remarkable intelligence and bravery, he rescues her from the gunmen.

In these pages, Mr. Buffum departs from the type of books which have hitherto come from his pen, but has not failed to uphold Christ as Saviour, and the Christian life as the only satisfactory solution to human problems.

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THIS ABIDING CREED. By Dr. Frederick W. Backemeyer. Zondervan Publishing House. Pages 125. Price \$1.00.

THE Author is a Presbyterian Pastor in Indiana, and this volume is an example of the type of messages his congregation is privileged to hear from week to week.

On the ten statements contained in the Apostles' Creed, Dr. Backemeyer has created ten sermons, each one packed with evidence and inspiration. He says: "What faith a man has he ought to have as a vital possession, ready for any one supreme moment. It is the writer's conviction that no one should ever hesitate to have a creed. A creed is not a chain, it is a challenge. It is not a weight, it is a wing. It is not a funeral dirge, it is a Hallelujah Chorus! A creed ought to be a song in the mouth, a shout of victory in the soul, a banner of beauty lifted high, a trumpet of joy upon the lips. Whatever a man believes, that is his creed, though he may give its substance another name."

The volume is bound in azure blue, stamped with gold, and printed in clear, readable type.

THE CHRIST OF THE FOUR GOSPELS. By Rev. C. J. Sharp. Standard Publishing Company. Pages 128. Price 50 cents.

MR. SHARP, an experienced writer on Church Leadership Training books, has in this volume answered a definite need for a systematic, yet simple and condensed study of the four Gospels. It covers 20 hours advanced credit in Workers' Training.

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Foster of the Cincinnati Bible Seminary.

While this is not a large volume, it is an advanced course, calling for home preparation and the reading of every Scripture cited. The student will obtain a complete picture of the life of Christ from every angle, as well as evidence of the supernatural inspiration of the Gospels and their influence upon the lives of men and women.

OUR PRICELESS HERITAGE. By Dr. Henry M. Woods. The Evangelical Press. Pages 209. Price \$2.00.

TTHIS exhaustive treatise was prepared especially for Christian students and as a text book to be used in Church Schools and Colleges. Dr. Woods contrasts Protestantism with other systems that bear the name Christian. He believes that every evangelical believer should have a knowledge of errors that have crept into the Church through the ages, in order to understand the true Christian basis of faith and works.

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Dr. Woods closes the book with these words: "Oh, for the mighty power of the Spirit of God to arouse the Church from indifference and compromise, from prayerlessness and paralyzing doubt of His Holy Word, to realize its danger, and **EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH ONCE FOR ALL DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS!**"

THE BEGINNER BIBLE TEACHER AND LEADER. By Evelyn Leavitt Grogg. Standard Publishing Company. Pages 119. Price 60 cents.

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May 16, 1943

Peter and John Preach to the Samaritans
Acts 8:4-25

GOLDEN TEXT: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

Momentous events were occurring in the lives of the Apostles. Peter and John had been commanded by the authorities to no longer teach in the name of Jesus. Ananias and Sapphira had been punished for lying to the Holy Spirit. The apostles had been arrested by men, and released by an angel. Seven deacons were chosen. Stephen was martyred. Persecution broke in full force against the infant Church. Believers at Jerusalem were scattered abroad, but remained undismayed. They went everywhere preaching. The persecution served to spread the flame instead of extinguishing it.

Satan has tried down through the centuries, to destroy the Church. He has motivated wicked men—working some times through physical avenues . . . other times as an "angel of light" in the form of alleged higher intelligence. But he never has understood that trait of human nature, which drives men to greater zeal, in the face of opposition. History shows that the periods of greatest growth in the life of the Church, have been the times when it has had to fight for existence against heavy odds.

1. An Evangelistic Meeting.

Philip, one of the seven deacons, "went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them." Remarkable results followed his dynamic presentation of the Saviour. We are told that "the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out . . . and many were healed. And there was great joy in that city."

Simon, a black magician, who had built up a reputation as a sorcerer, was among the number who believed. He wondered at the miracles worked by Philip. Here he discovered a power greater than his magic.

2. Peter and John Go to Samaria.

Reports of the great revival sweeping Samaria brought joy to the Jerusalem congregation. Peter and John journeyed thither to help with the effort. By the laying on of hands, certain Samaritan Christians were empowered by the Holy Spirit. Their faith was more than "profession" . . . it became to them a precious "possession." Only lives made clean and transparent by purity of heart and cleanliness of conscience, may expect to be channels for the manifestation of Holy Ghost power. Professional evangelism, in our days, often soiled and contaminated by lust and secret sin on the part of its leadership, fails to measure up to Apostolic standards. Hence the "form of godliness" . . . with little "power thereof."

3. Peter and Simon the Sorcerer.

Simon of Samaria, was a pitiful creature. He typifies the spiritist, the occultist, the magician, who yields his mind and heart to the play of demonic powers—and who, upon discovering Gospel truth, gives mental assent to its claims, but lacks capacity and stamina to continue in the path of light. Simon tried with evident sincerity, but alas! the seeds of destruction had germinated to such

an extent in his soul, that faith reached no farther than mental attitude.

So blinded was he, that he actually thought Holy Ghost power could be purchased with money. Peter's rebuke was immediate and swift. "Thy money perish with thee." The soul that trusts in perishable things, may expect to perish with them. The Christian possesses the real treasures of life, and they consist in values that are eternal. They can not be had through bribery, selfishness and desire for personal gain. Only by giving ourselves, and all that we possess, into His hands, can we enjoy the INWARD spiritual consciousness that will make possible the OUTWARD flow of divine power.

Simon was told to repent, and pray for forgiveness. But he asked Peter and John to pray that he escape punishment. Here the record leaves him. We hear no more. Did he remain in the gall of bitterness, and bond of iniquity, to which Peter referred?

4. Evangelistic Fervor Spreads.

An evangelistic tidal wave swept throughout the whole country of Samaria. To the people upon whom he once sought to call down fire from heaven, John then proclaimed the Saviour. The ministry of Jesus in that area bore fruit. The apostles reaped where the Master had planted. Jesus loved the Samaritans. As a people, they were outcasts . . . but Jesus loves the "down-and-outers"!

May 23, 1943

The Deceitfulness of Wine

Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-35; Matthew 24:45-51

GOLDEN TEXT: "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23:32.

Solomon asks certain questions: "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath

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redness of eyes?" And he answers: "THEY THAT TARRY LONG AT THE WINE."

Much is being said these days about fifth column activity . . . the enemy within the walls, the traitor who would sell his Country for promised gain. Yet, a most dangerous fifth columnist runs rampant, goes on his merry way unhindered, to wreck the souls and bodies of men and women . . . to destroy efficiency, and waste needed raw materials for a worse than useless product. Alcohol, the fifth columnist, is the enemy within, eating at the vitals of American civilization, and we, like the Spartan boy with the stolen fox, allow it to continue gnawing rather than exercise sufficient will power and common sense to cast it away.

Scripture is explicit in its exposure of this deceitful character. It says:

1. Wine is a mocker. Like the echo from a mountain side, wine sends out its mocking cry. With terror and shame, its slaves listen to the mocking echoes as they bring to him thoughts of what might have been, had he not sold himself for drink!

2. Strong drink is raging. It is a brawler. A glance at the daily paper confirms this fact. "Stabbed in a drunken brawl," says a headline. The stronger the drink, the worse the deeds. First idiotic drivel, then silly conduct, and a raging brawl. This pictures the downward path of the drunkard.

The Word of God outlines the physical and spiritual woes of the drunkard. They are (1) Woe, (2) Sorrow, (3) Contentions, (4) Complaining, (5) Wounds without cause, and (6) Redness of eyes.

3. But at the last it biteth like a serpent. Proverbs 23:31 tells us of the appeal of wine to the eye. A lovely color, sparkling in the crystal glass, lending its seductive beauty to the appetite. The liquor advertisers use these descriptions over the radio and in literature to quicken desire, but fail to add the rest of the quotation—at the last! Yes, there must be an end to all things, and liquor likewise has a "last." "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." The poisonous serpent buries fangs in the victim, injecting its fatal venom.

4. Thine eyes shall behold strange

things. One of the results of the venom is acute alcoholism, delirium tremens. Horrible, slimy, impossible creatures crawl over the victims, whose lips utter a wild gibberish as they shriek in mortal agony. A false sense of security leads the drunkard to do crazy things, such as lying down to sleep on a railroad track or busy highway, falling into the gutter, committing some fiendish crime.

5. Wounds without cause. Honor attends the wounds of the soldier or sailor fighting for a just cause, but dishonor rests with the fool who allows strong drink to become his master. Yet, in spite of warning given, when he awakes he seeks it again. The coils of the serpent are tight around him.

The Bible also explains the responsibility of leaders. Jesus speaks of the wise servant who faithfully carries on his commonplace tasks, even though the master is absent. When his lord returns, good rewards are bestowed for faithfulness.

May 30, 1943

Peter's Counsel to Scattered Christians

1 Peter 1:1; 2:9-25

GOLDEN TEXT: "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. I Peter 2:17.

Out of many years' experience in the Christian life, Peter became qualified to write to Christians everywhere and through all the centuries, regarding the obligation of the follower of the Lord to live nobly and bear all things in a Christlike manner.

The epistle from which the text of this lesson is taken, went forth to the scattered Christians of Asia Minor. They were commended for their faith and love toward the Lord Jesus, "whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now

ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

Christians are here shown to be (1) a chosen generation, (2) a royal priesthood, (3) an holy nation, (4) a peculiar people. All these things are for the purpose "that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." Therefore we are to reflect the light of Christ that we may be "the light of the world." As the moon shines by reflected light from the sun, so we shine by reflected light from the Sun of Righteousness.

How can Christians be the light of the world? Peter tells us we may hold the torch high in a number of different ways:

1. By refusing to allow the lusts of the flesh to overcome us. These are the natural enemies of the soul of man and yielded to, will inevitably drag him down. Persons entrusted with responsibilities in Christ's service, should live above reproach. Remember that a Christian is only a pilgrim and a sojourner in the present wicked world. This is not really his home. There is therefore no time to loiter and turn aside from the goal of eternity, no time to drop the torch or let its light grow dim through disuse, giving others cause to question his sincerity.

2. By engaging in good works, that others may glorify the Heavenly Father. Get on the positive side of life. "Feed my lambs . . . tend my sheep," said the Master to Peter—and to us. We are not saved BY works. We are saved TO work.

3. By being a good citizen of the country in which we live. Good laws are a terror only to wrongdoers. The Christian should not be a law breaker, but his attitude toward government is "to be subject to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake."

God has planned that society, rather than anarchy, is best for human beings. Proper social conditions result from harmonious cooperation of men, under a responsible head. Though Satan may help evil men oppress the righteous and exalt their wicked comrades, the principle is not destroyed.

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Peter advocates freedom: "Not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as servants of God." The foundation of democratic government is liberty—including religious liberty. If Peter was alive today, living in America, he would thank God for our Constitution and Bill of Rights, which makes it possible for everyone to worship according to the dictates of conscience.

4. By patient enduring of suffering for Christ. If called upon to endure persecution, even unto death, the Christian honors his Lord, by doing as He did, "Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously."

5. By remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for sinners. "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed." Christ is our example ... let us follow Him!

June 6, 1943

Peter Comforts Persecuted Christians

I Peter 3:3-17: 4:12-16; 5:6-10

GOLDEN TEXT: "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing." I Peter 3:17.

Jesus warned His followers that in this life they might expect persecution. But woe to those by whom the persecution comes! Peter sought to comfort early Christians who were passing through severe trials and dark valleys.

As the faithful Apostle penned this Epistle, the days of wide spread persecution of Christians had well begun. It was about the year 64 A. D. when Nero caused the city of Rome to be burned and accused Christ's followers of the crime. Great numbers were subjected to terrible tortures. Many were killed, first being subjected to the most horrible sufferings. Christians throughout the Roman Empire feared for their lives. Peter wrote to strengthen and comfort them in a time of sorrow. Out of his own experience, he was able to endow them with the "sure word" of the faith,

leading safely through the "fiery trials," straight into the glory land.

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, wrote in the third century: "If I could ascend some high mountain and look out over the wide lands, you know very well what I would see. Brigands on the high roads, pirates on the seas, in the amphitheaters men murdered to please applauding crowds, selfishness and cruelty, misery and despair under all roofs. It is a bad world. But in the midst of it, I have found a quiet and holy people, who have learned a great secret. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people are the Christians—And I am one of them."

In this lesson Peter seeks to teach three things:

1. The Comfort of a Good Conscience.

Be conscious of your own innocence. Be of clean mind and heart. Be sincere. To be zealous for the good, is not always a means of protection against evil in the world. On the contrary, it is often a cause for persecution, for Satan hates righteousness. The person who accepts God's offer of salvation, may expect the most cruel attacks from the devil. Yet in God's great plan for man, even the bitterest persecution can become a reason for rejoicing.

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Therefore, "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts . . . having a good conscience." Peter had been tried by fire. He knew the answer to the problems of persecuted saints. He could say, in substance: "Fear not, neither be troubled. Learn the blessing of suffering for Him. Be assured in your own mind . . . then you can give a logical reason why your hope is able to lift you in triumph above all trials. A right conscience toward God, will give such meekness and patience in suffering, that the persecutors will be put to shame.

2. The Joy to Be Found in Adversity.

Not only does hope in Christ provide comfort during adversity; it even brings true joy to the sufferer. The servant should find his Lord an example and Jesus, "for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Thus a Christian, need not be ashamed to suffer in that Name, for, like his Lord, he can despise the shame, rejoicing that, "inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."

3. The Need to Trust Him Completely.

The Christian must not only be humble in suffering. He should exercise every vigilance, not to be caught in the wiles of the devil. One of Satan's tricks for trapping saints, is to fill them with fear. If he can get the Christian to forget for a moment that the Father cares, even in the midst of trials, he has won a victory. Peter bids believers to cast "all your care upon him, for he careth for you." All your anxiety, not just a portion, but ALL. Only so, can Satan be resisted with steadfast faith. Only so, can we be made perfect, established and strengthened.

June 13, 1943

God's Exceeding Great Promises

II Peter 1:1-11

GOLDEN TEXT: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be par-

takers of the divine nature." II Peter 1:4.

In preceding lessons, Peter has said much about what we should do for Christ . . . and that we should rejoice in being counted worthy to suffer in His name. He connects this with statements of what Christ has done for us, and discusses the precious and exceeding great promises extending from this life into eternity. These promises are true and faithfully kept, for "the Lord is not slack concerning his promises." Some one estimates that the Bible contains more than thirty thousand promises, and it says, "He is faithful that promised."

Whatever hope the Christian has, rests completely upon these promises of God. Notice Peter speaks first of the "precious faith,"—which we must possess before claim can be laid to the promises. Every promise is conditional and brings with it grave responsibility and obligation.

The obligations resulting from these promises are threefold:

1. Growth in Christian Life.

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." Here Peter urges Christ's followers to remember that everything necessary to sustain life, both physical and spiritual, flows from God's gracious hand. Grace and peace

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are multiplied to us only through channeling our lives in harmony with the divine will. Let no one think that peace, so desired by the world today, can be had in any other way. The nations cry "Peace, peace," but there will be no lasting peace until they acknowledge the Prince of Peace as the rightful Ruler.

He also assures us that through these promises, we may become partakers of the divine nature. As we accept the promise of salvation through Christ, the obligation of growth is laid upon us. By the "new birth" we come into the family of God as a "babe in Christ." As babies are properly nourished and cared for, they grow to the full stature of manhood and womanhood. So, too, the spiritual babe is at first nourished by "the sincere milk of the word," later with "strong meat which belongeth to them that are of full age."

Therefore Peter states, having become partakers of the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust, we are to be diligent about reaching maturity in Christ.

With the faith that brings us into the family of God as a basis, we are adjured to add virtue, or moral courage. To virtue must be added knowledge of the Word and the will of God. To knowledge is added temperance, or self control, so that evil passions are not allowed to overcome us. With the accession of self control, patience comes, and with it godliness (godlikeness). As we become more like the Master, a greater love for man grows in us, and brotherly kindness is added to the list of Christian attributes.

Finally, the greatest of all is supplied, namely, the very substance of God Himself—divine love. Love, high as the heavens, deep as the sea; love that urges the possessor to give up all things that the world counts dear, and like Paul, hold them as refuse; love that causes one to go into the depths of darkest Africa to tell black men about their need for a Saviour; to serve lepers in India, or minister to dregs of humanity in the slums of great cities. "Anywhere with Jesus I will gladly go!"

2. Be Careful to Guard Against Blindness.

Peter says that having the virtues of the Spirit, causes one to be a fruitful Christian, but neglect in cultivating them results in a near-sighted profession.

Some are prone to accept blessings and promises, provided they do not obligate them to sacrifice and service. He forgets the cleansing from his old sins, and remains that most pitiful sight—a professor without possession, unable to look beyond the present moment to the glories that shall come. There is no blindness so great as that of one who thinks he can see, yet refuses to do so.

3. To Endure to the End.

If one has given the diligence necessary to making his calling and election sure, he is assured that the apex of the glorious pyramid of Christian growth stretches up to the very gate of the eternal kingdom of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. A lifetime of growth in Grace to Christlikeness, enables one to step off the apex of love, right through the portals of heaven. An "entrance richly supplied."

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